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**AMENDMENT TO THE OFFICE ACTION DATED 8/21/03**

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Dear Sir:

This Amendment is filed in Response to the Office Action dated August 21, 2003. In a prior Office Action, the Examiner had submitted a restriction requirement. In response to the restriction requirement, claims 1-12 were elected. Accordingly, this Office Action only addresses claims 1-12. In view of the following comments and changes to the claims it is respectfully requested that the rejections of the claims be withdrawn.

Please amend the claims as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 4 of this paper.

**Summary** begins on page 5 of this paper.